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4. [] talked with [] Assistant Legislative Counsel, assigned to work with the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee concerning the status of H. R. 7758, the Overseas Allowances bill; H. R. 5178, the Overseas Medical bill, and H. R. 7712. H. R. 7758, the clean bill reported by Mr. Morrison, Chairman of the Civil Service Subcommittee, replaces the former H. R. 5007 and is under consideration by the full Committee. H. R. 7758 and H. R. 5178 are scheduled for consideration at the next regular meeting of the full Committee on 2 July. Should the 4 July holiday interfere with the activities of the Committee, consideration could go over to the next regular Committee meeting on 16 July. H. R. 7712, companion bill to S. 2162, relating to Federal employees health insurance will be held in abeyance by the House pending whatever action may be taken by the Senate.

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5. [] met with [] Deputy Director of Personnel, to discuss the provisions of S. 2162 and the companion House bill, H. R. 7712, the Federal Employees Health Insurance Act of 1959. The present provisions of the bill were discussed. The Office of Personnel will probably contact the Civil Service Commission for advance and guidance concerning the Civil Service's anticipated handling of the responsibilities set forth in the bill. Personnel will advise this office further if action is desired at the present time.

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HR 5178
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The fourth primary area of recommendation, for the establishment of badly needed medical and health program for American citizens employed by the Government abroad, is embodied in H.R. 5178 and several companion bills on which final hearings were completed during the 1st session of the 86th Congress. Since this bill, like the other committee recommendations, is approved by the administration, early action is expected in the second session to place the proposed medical and health program for oversea employees in effect so that these employees will have appropriate health services and facilities on a reasonably uniform basis.